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June 17, 1999

Jerald F. Schreiber FARMINGDALE VETERINARY CLINIC 11 Walnut St. Farmingdale, NJ 07727

RE: File #99-015 - Apolonia

Dear Dr. Schreiber:

This is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has received and reviewed certain information regarding activity in which you were engaged as a Board licensee. The Board's initial review discloses what appears to be a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.c for your failure to recognize this animal's inguinal hernia, constituting gross negligence, gross malpractice or gross incompetence.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500. Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will then consider this statement and render a final decision. You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled, and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the Board to finally determine whether the unlawful acts set forth herein have been proven.

You should also be aware that upon final evaluation of the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board may, if unlawful acts are found to exist, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of costs and directing that you cease and desist from continued use of those acts found to be unlawful.

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The enclosed certification must be returned to the Board with your indicated course of action within ten (10) days following receipt hereof. In the event that the Board receives no response within ten (10) days, the Board will consider you in default, the allegations contained herein shall be deemed uncontested, and the Board will proceed to finally review this matter and enter an appropriate final order.

Yours very truly,

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## **CERTIFICATION**

I have received the Board's letter dated
of the Board's enabling act and/or Board regulations.
Please check one:
The allegations set forth therein are acknowledged, and I enclose
herewith a check in the amount of \$ /500 payable to the
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Assurance is given that the conduct alleged in the notice will not continue or recur.
I hereby waive any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter
and submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration in
this matter.
A hearing on this matter before the Board is hereby requested. The
Board may, however, refer this matter to the Office of Administrative
Law for hearing.  SEP 1 6 1999
File Number: 99-015 (May John William)
Date: $9/14/99$ (signature)